Treatment of AIDS patients

684. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some AIDS cases came to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi recently for treatment;

(b) in what manner those patients suffered from AIDS;

(c) whether the disease is curable; and

(d) if so, what possible treatments are provided to these victims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, 7 such patients have reported at All India Institute of Medical Sciences for advice and treatment. These patients were of two types (i) HIV positive patients but yet having AIDS not (ii) HIV positive patients with clinical disease diagnosed as AIDS.

(b) According to mode of transmission of HIV infection the above patients can be classified in following categories:—

(i) The patients of homophilia;

(ii) The patients who received repeated blood transfusions;

(iii) The patients who are sexually promiscuous and indulged in prostitution abroad or in India;

(iv) Foreign students, visitors having promiscuous sexual contacts in foreign countries.

(c) The HIV infection is incurable.

(d) The patients suffering from opportunistic Infections were given supportive and symptematic treatment.

Sharing of expenditure between Madhya Pradesh and Central Government for Bhopal gas victims

685. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1343 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the sharing of expenditure between the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Central Government has been decided;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of people who died and were affected in Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The sharing of expenditure between the Central Government and the Government of Madhya Pradesh will be in the ratio of 75:25.

(c) More than 3800 people have died and about 6 lakh persons have filled claim forms for compensation for injury sustained by the Gas leakage at Bhopal.

Setting up of Petrochemical Complex at Barauni Refinery

686. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a public demand is continuously being raised by Members of Parliament from the State of Bihar for setting up a Petro-chemical Complex at Barauni Refinery in the State of Bihar; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, M|s Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. had applied in Sept. 84 for a letter of intent for setting up an aromatic complex at Barauni, Distt. Begusarai in the State of Bihar. This application was rejected by the Government on the grounds that the feed-stock required for this project has not been tied-up.

Opening of TB Wards in Hospitals in the Capital

687. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government hospitals in the Capital do not admit chronic TB patients who are also suffering from other chronic ailments like heart, liver and kidney related diseases as indoor patients;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that TB hospitals treat only tuberculosis and not other ailments; and

(d) if so, whether Government will consider the proposal to open an exclusive ward in every Central Government hospital in the Capital for admitting TB patients suffering from other diseases also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Patients suffering from other Chest ailments are also treated in Lala Ram Sarup Institute of T.B. and Allied Diseases, New Delhi.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Appointment of Specialists of other Disciplines in T.B. Hospitals

688. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELMARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB hospitals in the Capital do not have the additional services of cardiology, liver, ENT, Surgical, etc. and TB patients suffering from other ailments do not get proper treatment in these hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many TB patients die due to heart or kidney failure, liver malfunctioning, etc. in these TB hospitals;

(c) if so, what is the total number of such patients that died in these hospitals during the last three years and the details of the causes of their death being other than TB; and

(d) whether Government propose to appoint other Specialists also in the TB hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. However, patients suffering from other ailments are referred to other hospitals in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir. The deaths in TB hospitals are due to overwhelming Tuberculosis.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Blindness among Children

689. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: